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Despite the fact that two or three minor nations in Europe have recently, becoming unable to bear the heavy pressure of the war, fallen out of the Axis camp, Germany, together with Italy, is still carrying on her gallant fight in order to defend the fatherland. In fact, the German National Army, for the self-protection of the German race, is showing a strong determination of not letting the enemy stain even an inch of her soil by repeating its death-defying struggle. The figures of the German people under the leadership of their Fuehrer are undoubtedly the figures of heroes. We firmly believe that after all Europe will be saved by Hitler and Mussolini.

"The war situation in Greater East Asia as everyone knows, has today entered the decisive stage. Confident of final victory both on the first line and on the home front, we are fighting this decisive war to a finish. The fighting on Leyte has become truly violent. America, depending on material superiority, has mobilized her material strength and brought this to bear in her Leyte operations. However, it is my belief that our Special Attack Units and the Kamikaze Corps will unflinchingly shatter the American forces. Furthermore, the attacking spirit of the Kamikaze Corps is also the spirit of the entire nationals of Japan, both at the front and at home, and is the propelling force that will lead to the attainment of the ultimate victory.

"The attainment of our aim of international justice must be realized no matter what difficulties confront us or how great the sacrifices. Nay, our lofty ideas of the liberation of Asia and the resurrection of East Asia are today rapidly seeing realization. It is indeed with great joy and pride that hand in hand with the nations and peoples already liberated in East Asia we throw our full strength in this war of righteousness.

"As the war becomes a prolonged one the enemy has come to disclose in increasingly stark nakedness his inordinate ambitions of world domination. Spurred on by blind hatred against Japan, Germany and Italy, the enemy leaders seek to efface the three nations of Japan, Germany and Italy from the face of the earth and to rule and police the world by themselves, depriving the various peoples of their right of free development. It is clear to all that such is an inhuman policy that attempts to reverse the flow of history. Their policy is a freak phenomena which in the present time prepares for the next war. With the war sacrifices mounting increasingly it is but natural that the grave question of why the war is being waged should arise in the minds of the nationals of the enemy countries.

Enemy Seen Frantic

"Thus, the enemy who has fatal weakness within his country, in spite of material superiority, is eager to end the war as soon as possible by means of desperately moving into the offensive. In order to terminate the war at the earliest possible date, the enemy has been mustering all available military forces and resorting to underhand maneuvers when closing in on the Japanese, German and Italian positions. Thanks to the united efforts of Japan, Germany, Italy and other Axis nations, the enemy has not achieved any of his strategic schemes in spite of his enormous attrition and sacrifices and his irritation over the progress of the war has become greatly aggravated. Undoubtedly the decisive war is progressing in our favor.

"We harbor unwavering faith in the fact that the struggle for justice will emerge victorious in the end. As long as, Japan, Germany, Italy and other Axis nations are solidly united, we need entertain no doubt as to the successful outcome of the war. It is of deep significance that we pledge afresh to further tighten our cooperation and forge ahead for final victory ever faithful to our ideal, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the signing of the Three Power Military Alliance between Japan, Germany and Italy.

"In closing I should like to pay highest tribute to the struggle now being waged by Germany and Italy and at the same time, pray for the best of health of the Leaders and Foreign Ministers of those countries."

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